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SUBJECT: DIANA AROSEMENA PRESS COMMENTARY

REF: DACHI/DAVIS TELCON MARCH 17

1. PANAMANIAN JOURNALIST DIANA AROSEMENA HAS BEEN FILING
ALMOST DAILY STORIES FROM WASHINGTON DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS,
WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY NEARLY ALL LOCAL PAPERS BYLINED
QUOTE FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT DIANA AROSEMENA UNQUOTE.
STORIES HAVE BEEN MIXTURE OF FACTUAL REPORTING AND EDITORIAL
COMMENT.

2. MANY TIMES REFERENCE IS MADE TO FACT THAT MS. AROSEMENA
IS PRESS ATTACHE OF PANAMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

3. MARCH 17 EDITION OF DAILY MATUTINO CARRIES BYLINER BY
DIANA AROSEMENA WHICH INCLUDES FOLLOWING COMMENTARY:

BEGIN QUOTE:
THE US SENATE RATIFIED THE NEUTRALITY TREATY, THUS
SETTING THE STANDARD FOR THE NEXT TREATY. EVERYTHING INDICATES
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THAT THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE WILL
BE HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF. IT IS EASY TO PREDICT THAT IT WILL
BE ADOPTED.

BUT IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO CONVINCE TORRIJOS, NOR THE
PANAMANIAN PEOPLE, THAT IN ORDER TO KEEP THE CANAL OPERATIVE
HOSPITALS WILL HAVE TO BE CLOSED, SCHOOLS CLOSED OR SCHOOL

LUNCH PROGRAMS ELIMINATED. IT WILL ALSO NOT BE EASY TO PLACE THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE IN THE PREDICAMENT THAT IF FREE TRANSIT THROUGH THE CANAL IS PREVENTED BY AN EARTHQUAKE OR A FLU EPIDEMIC, THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DIG IN TO REPEL AN INVASION.

THE SENATE HAS SHOWN ITSELF SO "WORRIED" BY POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN PANAMA AFTER THE YEAR 1999 THAT IT IS SURPRISING THEY DID NOT CONTEMPLATE PROVISIONS TO DEFEND THE CANAL AGAINST AN INVASION FROM MARS OR IN A WAR OF THE GALAXIES. END QUOTE.

4. ADDITIONAL CLIPPINGS UNDERWAY VIA OFFICIAL AIR AS PER DAVIS/HINSON CONVERSATIONS.
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